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MARCH 1 PLANTING INTENTIONS

Farmers in Kentucky intend to plant 1.48 million acres of corn, 40,000 lower than 2014. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 89.2 million acres for all purposes in 2015, down 2 percent from last year and 6 percent lower than 2013.

Soybean acreage in Kentucky was expected to total 1.78 million acres, up 20,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at 84.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Burley tobacco growers in Kentucky intend to set 70,000 acres for harvest, down 6,000 acres from 2014. For the burley producing States, growers intend to set 93,700 acres, 8 percent below last year.

Producers intend to set 10,500 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Kentucky, down 200 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to dark-air tobacco was estimated at 5,200 acres, up 200 acres from 2014.

Winter wheat seeded by Kentucky farmers in the fall of 2014 totaled 620,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from previous year. Seeded acreage for the Nation was 40.8 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 2.30 million acres of all hay, up 35,000 from 2014. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 57.1 million acres of hay in 2015, up slightly from last year. The acreage of all hay harvested during a summer depends to a great measure on the moisture received during the growing season and temperatures experienced. With a drier summer farmers will cut more hay to feed their cattle.

March Prospective Plantings Kentucky & United States 2014-15

Crops	Kentucky			United States		
	2014	2015	15 % of 14	2014	2015	15 % of 14
	(000 Acres)	(000 Acres)	Percent	(000 Acres)	(000 Acres)	Percent
Corn	1,520	1,480	97	90,597	89,199	98
Soybeans	1,760	1,780	101	83,701	84,635	101
Hay, All <sup>1</sup>	2,265	2,300	102	57,092	57,093	100
Tobacco, All <sup>1</sup>	91.7	85.7	93	378.4	345.3	91
Burley <sup>1</sup>	76.0	70.0	92	101.5	93.7	92
Dark Fire-Cured	10.7	10.5	98	18.6	18.0	97
Dark Air-Cured	5.0	5.2	104	6.2	6.4	104
Wheat, All <sup>2</sup>	630	620	98	42,399	40,751	96

<sup>1</sup> Harvested acreage. <sup>2</sup> Includes acreage planted preceding fall.

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